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by Paul Azevedo

Did you read Sid Lorvan's celebration of Pacifica in last week's letters column? I thoroughly enjoyed it. Sid reminded me of the reasons why living in Pacifica has been a unique experience.

Sid's letter was triggered in turn by a letter from Sam Novi. Sam, you may remember, had said that there is no Pacifica life-style and Pacifica has no character of its own.

Sam's wrong, of course. One of the unique things about Pacifica has been Sam Novi himself. And another has been Sid Lorvan, I might add.

HE IS a concerned citizen who has made his own unique contribution to Pacifica. Pacifica needs more people like Sid, who can disagree with an argument, but always in a reasoned, pleasant manner. Sid and I were on opposite sides during the recent battle over Measure A, yet it changed not a bit the high value I put on his friendship.

In contrast to Sid's enjoyable letter, last week's letters also included a little gem from Eileen Dzielak, a "Friends of Pacifica" activist.

Her letter "defends" Don Warden from some unspecified "attacks" by ripping into the Tribune. Happily for Ms. Dzielak, I am neither the editor nor the publisher of the Tribune.

THE PUBLISHER is a patient man. His tolerance for personal attacks criticizing his integrity is much greater than mine would be in the same circumstances. Even though Ms. Dzielak impugned his character, he still published her letter. I would not have done so.

To quote Ms. Dzielak: "Men of integrity are often the target of petty and desperate characters."

I agree. Her letter is, in my opinion, just the kind of attack she criticizes.

IF DON WARDEN is truly, as she says, a man "of principle, determination, warmth, sensitivity..." he will repudiate her letter.

In the future, Ms. Dzielak, to use your own words, "you should temper your verbal assaults..."

I must also agree with what Ms. Dzielak says in her final paragraph: "The people of Pacifica deserve a first-rate newspaper, not a small potatoes imitation of the National Enquirer."

THE TRIBUNE in 1981 was judged to have done the best spot news reporting in its circulation class. The Tribune received a merit award in 1981 for editorials. Both awards were from the California Newspaper Publishers Association, judging hundreds of newspapers from throughout California.

Then there was a merit award from the National Newspaper Association received in 1979, for general excellence.

The Tribune was one of two newspapers west of the Mississippi so honored.

The CNPA award for "General Excellence" came to the Tribune in 1979, first place within its circulation category. (The San Francisco Examiner won the same award in its circulation category).

The people of Pacifica do indeed deserve a first rate newspaper. I'm pleased to be a part of the one we have.

Ms. Dzielak and her fellow leaders of the Friends group have shown they have a great deal of energy. I hope they can turn that energy to more constructive uses in the future.

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